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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing

amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 3-49 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 and 3 has been amended.

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 30-49 have been indicated as allowed.

Regarding the § 101 Rejection:

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC § 101 because the claimed invention was believed to

be non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the Examiner

indicated allowable subject matter of claim 2 thereby tying the claim, as amended, to technology

art that provides a useful, concrete and tangible result. As such, Applicant respectfully requests

that this § 101 rejection be withdrawn and submits that claim 1 is now ready for allowance.

Regarding the Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 2-29 are objected to based on

their dependency on claim 1. Applicant has amended claim 1 to overcome the § 101 rejection

by, among other things, inserting the allowable language of claim 2. l Applicant has amended

claim 3 to depend on claim 1. Applicant submits that claims 3-29 are now ready for allowance.

Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 30 - 49 are allowable.

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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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